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After talking to Assistant Secretary of State Neurifoy and after receiving your letter of 29 December 1948, I had an investigation conducted into the aspects brought out in your letter and as told to me by Assistant Secretary of State Neurifoy. The results of this investigation follow:

First and foremost, there is no question whatever of your security status in the reasons behind your rejection for a position with Central Intelligence Agency. A partial investigation was made of you and then discontinued. But, again, I repeat the question of security did not enter into the matter of your rejection.

What happened was that you suffered through an excess of zeal of a member of this organization. He has been reprimanded for making commitments which he had no authority to make and which all members of Central Intelligence Agency have been warned against making. You were recommended for a position which was open in the field of counter-espionage, and a temporary waiver of security was granted for your employment on 27 October 1948. A day or two later, when your Personal History Sheet was brought before a Personnel Placement Board, it was found from the Personal History Sheet and from your Form 57 that you did not possess the qualifications required by this organization and by the Civil Service regulations to fill the position in the counter-espionage branch tentatively designated for you, and it was the lack of these qualifications which was responsible for your rejection.

I have tried to stop the practice that occurred in your case by various cautions and admonishments, and I regret that the steps already taken evidently were not sufficient. In the future more drastic penalties, including the termination of employment, will be used in such cases. Members of this organization recommending friends or acquaintances for employment with us have all too frequently, as in your case, made, or at least implied, tacit promises to prospective employees that positions were available in Central Intelligence Agency. Such representations by members of Central Intelligence Agency have been made

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without any authority to do so and have resulted in an embarrassment to both the Central Intelligence Agency and the prospective employee, as in your case. There must be only one method by which prospective employees may come into this organization and that is by following the normal, official channels of coming through the Personnel Branch for placement.

I note that you say: "I know, and I am in a position to establish, that I was rejected for reasons of security." If you will supply me with any further information you may possess on this subject, I shall be glad to go into the whole matter again to determine why and how you were informed that reasons of security were responsible for your rejection of employment.

I thank you for having brought this matter to my attention, and I assure you I regret the entire affair, and, further, I want to reaffirm and to reassure you once again that your rejection was not due to any matters of security or loyalty.

I am furnishing a copy of this letter to Assistant Secretary of State Peurifoy.

Very truly yours,

*Signed & dispatched*  
R. H. HILL-SKOETTER 1-4-49  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

cc: Assistant Secretary of State Peurifoy.

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